

# USFS TREE CLIMBING WORKSHOP

## AGENDA

Location: Dorena Genetic Resource Ctr, Cottage Grove, OR

Date: June 12-16, 2023

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<https://www.fs.usda.gov/treeclimbing/>

### Monday

8:00 - 5:00

**Instructor Candidates and Facilitators- begin at 8 am**

**Climber Candidates – begin at 12:30 pm**

- Overview of agenda; objectives, responsibilities, and goals of instructors
- Instructional skill development
- Coordinating and conducting tree climbing training
- Standards for Forest Service tree climbing: [Health & Safety Code](#), [National Policy](#), and [National Tree Climbing Guide](#)

### Tuesday – Thursday

7:30 - 5:00

**Climber candidates will be trained in each of the following required areas:**

- Tree Hazard Assessment
- Rope and webbing characteristics and handling
- Basic equipment uses, care, and safety
- Task-specific knots
- 3-point climbing technique
- Descent systems (friction knot or mechanical device)
- Rescue techniques

**The following additional training modules will be offered:**

- Moving Rope Systems (aka DRT)
- 4-inch Tie-in
- Sectional Ladders
- Stationary Rope Systems (aka SRT)
- Climbing Spurs
- Throwline Installation

### Friday

(Optional if needed)

8:00 – 12:00

**Make-up and/or practice climbing, and additional techniques including:**

Chain Saw Limbing, EC 2/3 (*limited to people with current 'B' Sawyer cert AND previous climber certification*).

**Instructors  
PLEASE NOTE:**

*All instructor candidates (both new and those seeking re-certification) need to be prepared to teach each of the required areas listed above and any listed modules for which they desire certification and re-certification.*

